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7. The effective interest rate on discounting of bills for borrowers in the category of 20.0 per cent (minimum) will be one percentage point below the lending rate charged to borrowers in this category and as such the effective interest rate on discounting of bills of exchange for such category of borrowers shall be 19.0 per cent (minimum)	
8. Finance granted to intermediary agencies (including those for housing) for on lending to ultimate/beneficiaries and agencies providing input support	A fixed rate of 17.0 per cent per annum i.e. 3.0 percentage points below the minimum rate applicable for credit limits in the category of advances over Rs. 2 lakhs.
9. Advances to Discount & Finance House of India Ltd. . . .	20.0% p. a. (minimum)
10. (i) Loans for purchase of consumer durables	Banks are free to determine the rate
(ii) Loans to individuals against shares and debentures/bonds	
(iii) other non-priority sector personal loans	

Note:

1. An interest rate surcharge of 25 per cent is applicable in the case of parties with Cash Credit/Overdraft limit of over Rs. 2 lakhs if the credit is used for financing imports.
2. Where short-tenn loans are routed through PACS/LAMPS/FSS the rates of interest to be charged by banks to the PACS/LAMPS/FSS shall be 2.5 percentage points lower than the rates to the ultimate borrowers indicated in item 1 above for the respective size of the limit.

Tardy Implementation of External Aid Projects

@ 1809. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of external credit lying unutilised due to tardy implementation of external aided projects;

(b) what are the reasons thereof;

(c) the details of the projects with target dates of completion mainly in railway, road, power, irrigation with their cost over runs;

(d) whether any concrete plan has been drawn for their completion during the Eighth Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

@Previously Unstarred Question 1454 transferred fom the 5th December, 1991.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The total amount of unutilised external credit on 31st October, 1991 was Rs. 79341.97 crores.

(b) The undisbursed balance appears large in aggregate terms but is dependent on the time profile of various projects. Apart from the question period of externally aided project, delayed utilisation arises from factors which inter alia include exchange rate fluctuation, inadequate counterpart funding by the State Government, tardy land acquisition procedures and the project specific issues. Such problems sometimes lead to a delay in utilisation of World Bank assistance which is taken card of through extension restructuring of projects.

(c) The list of projects in the Railway, Road, Power and Irrigation sectors is given in the Statement (See below) cost estimates undergo re-

vision over the life of a project on account of price escalation change in scope/restructuring, increase in duties, taxes etc. It is not therefore possible to segregate the increase in project cost due o slow utilisation of external assistance.

(d) and (e) All externally aided projects currently under implements tion are not due to be completed within Eighth Plan period. However, implementation delays in projects are addressed through strengthening the counterpart resource, support, close monitoring by Ministries with special emphasis on timely procurement action by project authorities and simplification of procedure in respect of release of foreign exchange, tender evaluation etc. in addition projects are being extensively monitored at different levels, including the State Governments,

Statement

List of externally aided projects

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Agency	Closing
	Roads:		
1	States Road project;	IDA IBRD	30-6-95
2	Second Road project.	ADB	31-12-96
3	Gujarat Rural Roads	IDA	31-12-94
	Irrigation Sector		
1	National Water Management project	IDA	31-3-94
2	Narmada River Sardar Sarover project.	IDA	30-6-95
3	Dam Safety project	IDA IBRD	30-9-97
4	Sardar Sarover	IBRD	30-6-95
5	Water Resources Management and Training project	U.S.A.	30-9-92
6	Do.	U.S.A.	30-9-92
7	Second A.P. Irrigation project	IDA IBRD	30-6-94
8	Bihar Public Tubewells project	Japan	31-5-94
9	Gujarat Medium Irrigation project.	IDA	31-12-91
10	Narmada River Development project	IDA	1-7-92
11	Haryana Irrigation project.	IDA	31-3-92
12	Hill Area Land and Development project.	U.S.A.	30-9-91
13	Upper Krishna Phase-II	IDA IBRD	31-12-96
14	Watershed Development project Karnataka	Denmark	30-6-94
15	M.P. Major Irrigation project.	IBRD	30-6-92
16	M.P. Minor Irrigation project.	IDA U.S.A	30-6-91

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Agency	Closing Date
17.	Maharashtra Water Utilization project	IDA	31-8-91
18.	Maharashtra Irrigation project.	IDA	30-6-91
19.	Maharashtra Minor Irrigation project.	U.S.A.	30-9-91
20.	Maharashtra Minor Irrigation project.	U.S.A.	30-9-91
21.	Water Control System for Development of Ccop. at Maharashtra	E.E.C.	25-10-[illegible]
22.	Upper Kolab Irrigation	Japan	15-12-93
23.	Upper Indravati Irrigation project	Japan	15-12-93
24.	Punjab Irrigation project	IDA IBRD	31-3-98
25.	Indira Gandhi Nahar project.	Japan	27-3-93
26.	M. Rajasthan Minor Irrigation project	F.R.G.	31-12-93
27.	M. Rajasthan Minor Irrigation project	F.R.G.	31-12-93
28.	Periar Vaigai project	IDA	30-4-91
29.	Modernization of Tank Irrigation in Tamil Nadu.	EEC	
30.	Tank Irrigation in Tamil Nadu.	EEC	31-10-95
31.	Second U.P. Tubewells project.	IDA IFAD	31-3-91
32.	Upper Ganga Irrigation proje	IDA	30-9-22
33.	West Bengal Minor Irrigation project.	IDA	31-3-92
	Power Sector :		
1.	Srisailam Bank Power Station Phase-I	Japan	10-2-93
2.	Nagarjun Sagar Power	U.K.	31-3-92
3.	Rayalseema Thermal Power.	ADB	
4.	Lower Barbani Hydro-electric Power	Japan	15-10-92
5.	Assam Gas Turbine	Japan	18-3-92
6.	Assam Gas Power Station and Trans. Line.	Japan	10-2-22
7.	Eastern Gandak Canal Hydro project	Japan	26-12-92
8.	Sardar Sarover Hydro-Elect.	Japan	25-11-90 finished.
9.	Western Yamuna Canal Hydro-Electric project	Japan	19-3-92
10.	Karnataka Power project	IBRD	31-12-95
11.	Karnataka Power	IBRD	31-12-96
12.	Raichur Thermal Power Station Expension project.	Japan	15-12-93

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Agency	Closing Date
13.	Kalindi Hydro Electric	Kuwait Fund	31-12-91
14.	Karala Power	IBRD	30-9-91
15.	Idukki Hydroelectric Phase-II	Canada	31-12-91
16.	Indira Sarover Hydro-electric	IBRD	30-6-92
17.	Chandrapur Thermal	IBRD	31-12-92
18.	Maharashtra Power	IBRD	31-12-96
19.	Ujjani Hydro-Electric	Japan	25-5-94
20.	Ghatghar Punped Storage	Japan	15-12-93
21.	M. Uran Combined Cycle Power Station	F.R.G.	30-9-94
22.	Upper Indravati	IDA IBRD	30-6-91
23.	Lower Methur Hydro-electric	Japan	31-12-88 Finished
24.	TNEB Micro Hydro Power	Japan	23-2-90 Finished
25.	Basen Bridge Gas Trubine	Japan	27-3-95
26.	Bhavani Kattali Barrafe Hydro-Electric	Japan	27-3-95
27.	North Madras Thermal Power project	ADB	30-6-92
28.	Second North Madras Thermal	ADB	27-2-94
29.	U.P. Power	IBRD	31-12-96
30.	Anpta Thermal Power	Japan	26-12-96
31.	Anpra (b) Thermal Power	Japan	10-2-93
32.	Anpra Thermal Power Station-III.	Japan	23-1-96
33.	Anpara Thermal Transmission	Japan	30-7-96
34.	Unchahar Thermal Power Extension	ADB	30-9-95
35.	Teesta Canal	Japan	18-12-93
36.	Purulia Pumped Storage	Japan	10-2-93
37.	Teesta Canal H.E.	Japan	30-11-95
38.	IVth Trombay Thermal	IBRD	30-6-91
39.	Private Power Utilies	IBRD	30-6-95
40.	Bombay Sub-urban Electric Supply	IBRD	31-12-96
41.	Yelananka Power	France.	

1810. (Transfered to the 18th December, 1991)

Demand for Change in Policy for Declaration of Dividends by Private Banks

1811. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private Banks are demanding suitable Reserve Bank of India policy on declaration of dividend; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No private sector bank has approached Reserve Bank of India for changing the policy on declaration of dividend.

(b) Does not arise.

Recovery of Income Tax due^ from. M/s Indian Tobacco Company Ltd.

1812. SHRI J. S. RAJU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3492 given in the Rajya